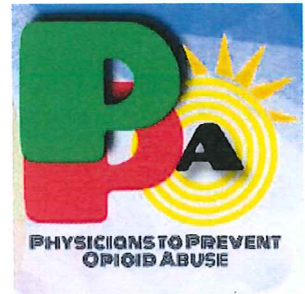


46 overdose deaths for 2015 in New Bedford and on pace to be almost double that number in 2016. Come educate yourself about this crisis and what you can do to protect yourself and your family. Every family is at risk.

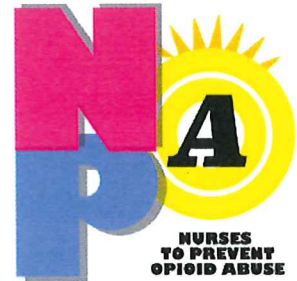
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Physicians to Prevent Opioid Abuse



Community Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, June 22
6:30 pm

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford



Join Moderator Phil Paleologos and a panel of experts as they discuss:

- Current state of the opioid epidemic
- How opioids work on pain and alternatives
- Recognizing addiction/dependency
- Getting help for yourself or family member
- Role of Narcan, ED and addiction centers

Our panel includes local physicians, healthcare professionals, people and families facing substance use disorder, and representatives from New Bedford Police Department and local treatment centers.

The program will also feature Matt Ganem, an accomplished poet who writes about his experiences while in active heroin addiction and recovery. His work is powerful, raw, and intensely honest. He is the author of a collection of poetry called "The Shadow of an Addict" and he won the 2015 Massachusetts Recovery Advocate of the Year. He has been featured on Fox News and in the Boston Herald. He is the Northeast Regional Coordinator for Banyan Treatment Center and serves as radio host for Banyan Recovery Radio.



Craig DeMelo, a versatile, passionate and eclectic local singer/songwriter will perform.

Q & A session will follow. Refreshments will be provided.

Free and open to all members of the community.

